IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

EDWARD ONTIVEROS,¹ 2:04-cv-1141-GEB-CMK-P

Petitioner,

vs. ORDER

DIRECTOR OF CORRECTIONS, et al.,

Respondents.

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding with appointed counsel,² brings this petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Pending before the court is petitioner's pro se request for a certificate of appealability (Doc. 44), filed on December 10, 2007.

Before petitioner can appeal this decision, a certificate of appealability must issue. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). A certificate of appealability may issue under 28 U.S.C. § 2253 "only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a

The court's prior orders incorrectly state petitioner's name as "Ontiveras."

Joseph J. Wiseman, Esq., was appointed to represent petitioner and has not been relieved.

constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). The court must either issue a certificate of appealability indicating which issues satisfy the required showing or must state the reasons why such a certificate should not issue. Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).

The timely filing of a notice of appeal is a jurisdictional requirement. See Scott v. Younger, 739 F.2d 1464, 1466 (9th Cir. 1984). The time limit for filing a notice of appeal following entry of judgment is thirty days. See Fed. R. App. P. 4(a). Petitioner's notice of appeal in this action was filed more than thirty days after entry of judgment. It is, therefore, untimely and cannot provide the appellate court with jurisdiction. The issuance of a certificate of appealability cannot vest the court of appeals with jurisdiction if jurisdiction is not proper in that court. Cf. Hayward v. Britt, 572 F.2d 1324, 1325 (9th Cir. 1978) (addressing issuance of a certificate of probable cause). Because petitioner's notice of appeal is untimely, the court declines to issue a certificate of appealability.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner's request for a certificate of appealability is denied.

Dated: January 4, 2008

ARLAND E. BURRELL, JR.

United States District Judge